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SUBJECT: ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT FOR SENEGAL

REF: (A) DAKAR 6112; (B) STATE A-3590

1. FYI. BEST CHANCE FOR PROMPT ACTION TO ASSIST
SENEGALESE IN OBTAINING DESIRED REPLACEMENT MILITARY
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT APPEARS TO BE TO SEEK ONE-TIME FMS
GUARANTEED LOAN IN AMOUNT OF \$8 MILLION IN FY 1977. CREDIT
TERMS WOULD BE 5 TO 8 YEARS REPAYMENT WITH INTEREST AT
COST OF MONEY TO USG, CURRENTLY ABOUT 8 (PLUS ONE-TIME
1/4 OF ONE PERCENT ADMINISTRATIVE FEE PAYABLE AT TIME OF
SIGNATURE). FY 77 APPROPRIATION BILL STILL PENDING IN
CONGRESS, AND POSSIBILITIES FOR REPROGRAMMING MUST AWAIT
ANALYSIS OF ESTABLISHED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AFTER START
OF NEW FISCAL YEAR. END FYI.

2. WHILE WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE
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THIS OFFER, YOU SHOULD AVOID ANY COMMITMENT TO PRESIDENT

SENGHOR. HOWEVER, YOU MAY SAY THAT YOU ARE IN CLOSE TOUCH
WITH WASHINGTON, THAT GRANT MAP AID, AS GIVEN IN 1962, IS

IMPOSSIBLE FOR FY 1977, AND THAT YOU WILL ASK US TO

INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY OF LOAN IF GOS REQUESTS.
IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO DISABUSE HIM OF ANY EXPECTATION
OF CONCESSIONARY INTEREST RATE OR LOAN TERMS, OR OF USG
UNDERTAKING TO RE-EQUIP AN ENTIRE ENGINEERING BATTALION;
BEST AVAILABLE OPTION IS LOAN TO BE USED FOR PURCHASE OF
MILITARY-TYPE END-ITEMS, AT COST OF MONEY TO USG.

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